KUMAR): (a) to (c) A Sainik School is established at the specific request of a State Government/Union Territory Administration as the entire capital expenditure and a major portion of the recurring expenditure has to be met by it. No concrete proposal from any of the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations is currently under the active consideration of the Ministry of Defence.

Expansion of Defence unit at Saintala Orissa

2353. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion of the Defence Production unit at Saintala, Bolangir in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) There is no proposal to increase the scope of the project sanctioned by Government in June 1989.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Cadre review of MES ministerial Staff

2354. MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that E-in-C, Army Hq., New Delhi have submitted cadre review proposals in respect of MES ministerial staff to the Ministry of Finance for their approval;

(b) if so, whether approval of Ministry of Finance has been received; and

(c) if not, by what time it is expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) Cadre Review proposals in respect of ministerial staff, submitted to the Ministry of Defence, are under examination. It is not feasible to indicate the timeframe within which these proposals can be finalised.

MOU between vehicle factory, Jabalpur and TELCO

2355. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding is being signed between Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur and TELCO for manufacture of TELCO Model of Vehicle VFJ;

(b) whether it is a fact that TELCO vehicles have no commonality with the present series of vehicles being manufactured by Vehicle Factory Jabalpur; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to restore in full the manufacturing work with VFJ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) VFJ has been directed to diversify for optimum utilisation of their spare capacity.